GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

General Administration Department – Establishment of "World Economic Forum – Andhra Pradesh Centre for Energy and Cyber Resilience" at Amaravati, in collaboration with the World Economic Forum (WEF) under the Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR) Network – Orders – Issued.

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G.O.MS.No. 59 **Dated: 12-06-2025**

Read the following:

1. Vision Document – Swarnandhra Vision 2047
2. Minutes of Meeting – WEF Annual Meeting, Davos 2025
3. U.O. Note No. FIN01-FMU0ASD(IIE)/31/2025, Dated: 29.05.2025, Finance Department.
4. From the CEO, APEDB, e-file Comp.No. 2826499.

O R D E R:

Government of Andhra Pradesh, with a long-term vision to position the State as a global hub for innovation, clean energy, and responsible digital transformation, has resolved to establish the "World Economic Forum – Andhra Pradesh Centre for Energy and Cyber Resilience" at Amaravati, in strategic collaboration with the World Economic Forum (WEF) under its global Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR) Network.

2. The proposed Centre shall be the first thematic C4IR Centre in India with dual focus areas:
    - Energy Transition and Green Industries, in collaboration with WEF's Centre for Energy and Materials (CENMAT).
    - AI-led Digital Transformation and Cybersecurity, in collaboration with WEF's Centre for Cybersecurity.

3. The Centre aims to:
    - Enhance Andhra Pradesh's global visibility and engagement.
    - Drive sustainable industrial transformation and cyber resilience.
    - Attract investments in green energy, AI, and digital infrastructure.
    - Institutionalize Andhra Pradesh's participation in international policy and innovation forums.

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4. The Centre shall be established initially at a suitable place as decided by the Energy Department in Vijayawada/Amaravati, with a lean operational team and in accordance with the following governance structure:
    - Chairperson: Hon'ble Minister for ITE&C and HRD, Government of Andhra Pradesh.
    - Co-Chair: Senior Executive nominated by WEF.
    - Member Secretary: Special Chief Secretary, Energy Department.
    - Centre Director (Ex-Officio): Joint Managing Director, APTRANSCO.
    - Members: Principal Secretary, ITE&C; CEO, APEDB; MD, NREDCAP; MD, APIIC; MD, APTS; Industry and Academia representatives as decided by the Energy Department.

5. The Centre shall undertake activities including pilot projects in clean fuels, smart grids, cyber policy frameworks, talent development in cybersecurity, and AI applications in governance and agriculture. It shall also facilitate Andhra Pradesh's engagement with global stakeholders through the WEF platform.

6. The Government after careful consideration, hereby accord sanction for an amount of ₹36.00 Crore (Rupees Thirty Six Crores only) for a period of 3 years, as detailed below:
    - ₹9.00 Cr/year – WEF Strategic Partnership Fee (Amount to be raised through CSR, R&D, and philanthropic contributions from the private sector by the Energy Department)
    - ₹2.00 Cr/year – Operations & Staffing (Amount will be provided by the State Government)
    - ₹1.00 Cr/year – Events, Workshops, and Delegations (Amount to be raised through CSR, R&D, and philanthropic contributions from the private sector by the Energy Department).

7. The Energy Department shall be the Nodal Department for coordination, implementation, and administration of the Centre and is authorized to enter into a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Economic Forum, on behalf of the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

8. The ITE&C Department, APEDB, NREDCAP, APIIC, APTS, and other related agencies shall extend full cooperation in operationalizing the Centre and delivering outcomes aligned with Swarnandhra Vision 2047.

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9. The Government also authorizes for participation of designated officials of the Centre in WEF global forums, including the Annual Meeting at Davos, subject to the Forum's invitation and admission policies.

10. The Energy Department shall coordinate with the departments concerned to take further necessary action accordingly, in the matter.

11. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department, vide their U.O.No. FIN01-FMU0ASD(IIE)/31/2025, Dated: 29.05.2025.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
The Special Chief Secretary to Government, Energy Department.
The Principal Secretary to Government, ITE&C Department.
The Principal Secretary to Government, I&C Department.
The CEO, Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board.
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